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ALAMEDA

"The Influence of Drugs on the Fetus and the Newborn" will be the subject of the **Twelfth Annual Clifford D. Sweet Lecture**, to be given this year by Dr. William A. Silverman, associate professor of pediatrics, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. The lecture, sponsored by the medical staff of Children's Hospital of the East Bay, Oakland, California, will be delivered at the Claremont Country Club Saturday evening, April 11, following a 7:30 p.m. banquet.

LOS ANGELES

Dr. Warren L. Bostick, a past president of the California Medical Association, was named **dean of the California College of Medicine** February 5, it was announced by W. Ballentine Henley, president of the college. The new dean took over his duties at the time of announcement.

Dr. Bostick, who was president of the C.M.A. for 1961-62 and since then has been chairman of the C.M.A. Bureau on Communications, has practiced pathology in San Rafael since 1946. He was Director of Laboratory Services at U.C. Medical Center. At the University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, where he took his medical schooling, Dr. Bostick was the first recipient of the Gold Cane award as the outstanding member of his class. He received his M.D. in 1940.

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In an effort to close the gap between psychiatric and legal thinking on vital social issues, the schools of Medicine and Law at University of Southern California have announced a five-year **Institute of Psychiatry and Law for the Judiciary**, beginning this year under a \$122,780 training grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Two of the institute's early objectives are:

1. A comprehensive survey of southern California judges to determine their attitudes and opinions on the use of psychiatrists in the legal system, and on psychiatric treatment, mental health and other psychiatric issues.

2. A pilot program in which groups of ten to twelve judges of various jurisdictions will meet weekly with psychiatry and law faculty and guest authorities of national stature. These sessions, to be continued over periods of several months, will be devoted to mutual exploration of such subjects as mental competence, responsibility, credibility, recommendation, and disposition in civil and criminal litigation.

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Dr. Ben C. Eisenberg, Huntington Park, California, was elected president of the West Coast Allergy Society at the recent meeting in Las Vegas. Dr. James E. Stroh, of Seattle, was elected vice president and president elect; and Dr. George M. Robins, Portland, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Regional study committees are being set up throughout the state to conduct studies on adverse reactions to drugs and to provide data for an educational program on the subject for physicians.

The retrospective study is being conducted by the California Medical Association's Committee on Adverse Drug Reactions in conjunction with the State Department of Health. It is patterned after the structure of the continuing joint study of maternal and neonatal deaths.

Deaths from aplastic anemia and their possible relationship to drugs, particularly to chloramphenicol, will be reviewed with the consent of the attending physician. All data will be confidential.

The CMA committee, under the chairmanship of John F. Murray of Fresno, will report its findings to the CMA Council. These will be transmitted to the State Senate early in 1965 to conform with a request made by that body at its 1963 session. The results of the study will be made known to the profession at that same time.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. J. B. deC. M. Saunders, provost of the University of California San Francisco Medical Center since 1958, has been appointed chancellor of that campus, President Clark Kerr announced recently.

SANTA CLARA

Dr. John W. Hanbery, who has been acting head of the Division of Neurosurgery at the Stanford University School of Medicine since 1960, has been formally appointed executive of the division.

GENERAL

A recent opinion by the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics that the drug *Percodan*® should be removed from the *telephoned prescription* category is expected to lead to California state legislative action next year to conform, according to the Public Health League *Legislative News*. An amendment to the Health and Safety Code would be required to make the opinion binding in California.

Efforts by the California Medical Association to have Percodan placed on triplicate prescription were defeated during the 1963 legislature when the committee hearing arguments on the bill was not convinced that the drug was addictive.

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Dr. James V. Lowry, assistant surgeon general and chief of the bureau of medical services of the U.S. Public Health Service, has been appointed director of the **State Department of Mental Hygiene**, Governor Edmund Brown announced last month.

Dr. Lowry, a psychiatrist, has accepted the appointment contingent on approval of his request for retirement from the USPHS. The Department has been under pro tem administration since the resignation of Dr. Daniel Lieberman last October.